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Second Annual Interdisciplinary Research Symposium

2009 Theme - Changing Landscapes: Global and Local

The Loyola University Graduate Student Advisory Council in conjunction with the Graduate School Alumni Association will host an interdisciplinary research symposium on **Saturday, March 21, 2009** at the Lake Shore Campus. The symposium is from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., with a guest keynote speaker during lunch.

Last year, over 30 graduate students and alumni presented their work. You are invited to apply to present your work in the form of either an oral presentation or a poster and proposals are welcome from all LUC alumni and graduate students. Monetary awards will be given to the top presenters and posters.

The goal of the Interdisciplinary Research Symposium is to provide participants with a global appreciation for the broad diversity of scholarly research that Loyola Graduate School students and alumni have accomplished. The symposium will be organized

around the major theme "*Changing Landscapes: Global and Local*". The theme will be interpreted broadly and is viewed as a metaphor for addressing issues of change at microscopic and macroscopic and levels.

For information about the symposium and submitting your presentation, please visit

http://www.luc.edu/gradschool/research_symposium.shtml. †

Submission deadline is February 14, 2009. The symposium is free and open to the public.

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AN OFFICE YOU SHOULD KNOW...

CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The Career Development Center provides a wide variety of self-assessment activities and seminars for graduate students seeking career advice, a library of job search and career planning books and websites, one-on-one career counseling, and workshops on non-academic job searches offered in conjunction with the Graduate School.

Given today's highly competitive job market, having a complete up-to-date credential file is essential to obtain interviews and assist hiring officials in confirming their decision. The Career Development Center offers credential file services for both PhD and Master's – level students. Not just reserved for undergraduate students, all of these services are available to graduate and professional students, as well as to Loyola University Chicago alumni.

Individual meetings with a career advisor can be used to discuss any career-related topic, including exploration of industries and jobs, resume and CV assistance, self-assessment reviews, networking, and salary negotiations. You can schedule an appointment by calling 773.508.7716 or use their walk-in hours during the academic year. Career counselors will keep your visit and your conversations confidential.

Visit the Career Development Center website at <http://www.luc.edu/career/>. ✦



GRADUATE SCHOOL INITIATIVE...

THE SECOND ANNUAL DISSERTATION BOOT CAMP/INTENSIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

Need some assistance in scheduling time for your writing? Need a little 'kick' to get you going? Think about participating in the Graduate Schools' Boot Camp/Intensive Writing Workshop – a week-long, all-day program offered this summer to support you in completing your dissertation. The boot camp will be run by Dr. Dina Berger of the History Department.

- Participants in this workshop will get a taste of completion while working in a group environment that is meant to be both motivating and supportive.
- Participants will take away the work habit of designating specific time in a day to writing. The sometimes painful but mostly rewarding process of writing is as much a habit as exercising or procrastinating.
- Participants will engage in a schedule and in a writing method that, if practiced well after the workshop, will result in a completed doctorate.
- Participants will come to the workshop prepared to put fingers to keyboards in order to reach a specific goal: complete the dissertation proposal (in draft or final form) or complete a dissertation chapter (in draft for final form).

This Workshop is open to all Graduate School students from every discipline.

More information including how to apply and specific days/times for the workshop will be announced in February on the Graduate School website.

Questions? Contact Dr. Jessica Horowitz, Assistant Dean at jhorow@luc.edu. ✦

UPCOMING DEADLINES

NOMINATIONS FOR GRADUATE FACULTY MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2009

Please consider nominating a colleague or professor for the 2009 Graduate School Faculty Member of the Year award. The selection criteria for the award competition appear below. Faculty members working in both the master's programs and the Ph.D. programs are eligible. Recent recipients of this award include: E. J. Neafsey (Neuroscience), Theodore Karamanski (History), Philip Nyden (Sociology), John Frendreis (Political Science), Sheryl Beck (Pharmacology), Paul Jay (English), Grayson Holmbeck (Psychology), Linda Stroh (WorkPlace Studies), Diane Boyer (Nursing), Patricia Mooney-Melvin (History), Duarte Mota de Freitas (Chemistry), Katherine Knight (Microbiology and Immunology), Thomas Kaminski (English), Alan J. Wolfe (Microbiology and Immunology), and Ida Androwich (Nursing).

To nominate a member of the Graduate School faculty for this award, please send a letter of nomination discussing the nominee in light of the selection criteria (listed below), along with the nominee's current curriculum vitae, to:

Patricia Mooney-Melvin, Ph.D.
Associate Dean, Graduate School
400 Granada Centre - LSC

The Awards Committee of the Council of Graduate School Programs will review the nominations and make the final selection. The Graduate Faculty Member of the Year will be announced during the Spring semester. The award will be presented at The Graduate School's commencement ceremony on May 7, 2009. The awardee will be honored as well at the New Alumni Reception for Graduate Students on May 6, 2009. The recipient will receive a plaque and a \$500 honorarium.

CRITERIA FOR GRADUATE FACULTY MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Consistently significant commitment to the education of Graduate School students, including, among other activities, teaching graduate courses, mentoring graduate students, and directing dissertation or thesis research.

Evidence of continued research, publication, or work relevant to one's field, as recognized by colleagues inside and outside the university, as well as evidence of professional development in areas relevant to graduate education.

Service to the Graduate School in the form of committee participation, service to the graduate program of which the recipient is a member (e.g., serving on the department's graduate program committee or as Graduate Program Director).

Strong professional commitment to the goals of integrating teaching and research.

Articulate spokesperson of the university's mission as it relates to graduate education.

The deadline for nominations is **Friday, February 27, 2009**. Nomination forms for this year's competition are posted on the Graduate School website at www.luc.edu/gradschool. ✦

ALPHA SIGMA NU AWARD

Alpha Sigma Nu is the international Jesuit Honor Society. It is the only honor society at Loyola University Chicago that inducts members from every college or school of the university. Membership in Alpha Sigma Nu is one of the highest honors a Loyola student may receive.

All those invited to apply for Alpha Sigma Nu must be Loyola students *at the time of the induction ceremony* in early fall 2009. As a result, students completing their degree requirements in spring or summer 2009 are not eligible. All graduate students must have completed 50% of their degree requirements.

The primary qualification for membership in Alpha Sigma Nu is scholarship. The students who are invited to apply for membership must be in the top 15% of their class. Secondary qualifications for Alpha Sigma Nu membership are service and loyalty. Loyalty means a demonstrated commitment to Jesuit ideals of higher education -- intellectual, moral, social and religious. Service means a proven concern for others demonstrated by activities in support of the institution or the community.

The cost for the AΣN initiation, medallion, and personally engraved pin is \$75.00. The spring deadline for submitting applications for Alpha Sigma Nu will be announced in the next newsletter in April and on the Graduate School website.

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FORMAT DEADLINES FOR THESES AND DISSERTATIONS

For May 2009 conferral:

- March 1st – Format Check
- April 1st - Final Copies due to Graduate School

For August 2009 conferral:

- June 1st – Format Check
- July 1st – Final Copies due to Graduate School

Questions? Please contact Elizabeth Hoffman Ransford at formathelp@luc.edu. †

INTERNAL AWARDS FUNDING DEADLINES

FEBRUARY:

9th - Nominations for the Dean's Fellowship Due at the Graduate School by 5:00 p.m.

16th - Nominations for the Crown Fellowship Due at the Graduate School by 5:00 p.m.; Advanced Doctoral Fellowship Applications Due to Department Chairs

27th - Applications for the Advanced Doctoral Fellowship Due at the Graduate School by 5:00 p.m.

MARCH:

9th - Applications for the Child and Family Research Assistantships due at the Graduate School by 5:00 p.m. †

UPCOMING EVENTS

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

“You’ve Got Mad Skills”: A Functional Skills Workshop for Graduate Students

Thursday, February 5, 2009, 3:00 - 5:00 PM. LOCATION: TBD

This workshop, presented by Career Development, will help you identify the skill set you’ve developed as a result of your academic career and determine how those skills can transfer into various industries and occupations. †

Dissertation and Theses Formatting Workshop

Friday, February 20, 2009, 10 AM - 12 PM, LSB 312 - LSC

This Graduate School formatting workshop will provide guidance to graduate students in the final stages of their dissertations and masters theses about how to format their final copies for submission to the Graduate School. Graduate Students will review the formatting rules, the reasons for formatting rules, and Power Point examples of properly formatted final documents. The workshop will take place in a tech lab, so graduate students may bring electronic copies of their own documents to format during the workshop. To reserve your seat, please email the Graduate School at gradschool@luc.edu. Include workshop title in the subject line. For more information on dissertation/thesis formatting, visit the Graduate School website at LUC.edu/gradschool/formatting.shtml. †

LUC RAMBLERS V. UIC ALUMNI RECEPTION & GAME

Friday, February 27, 6:00pm – 10:30pm

ATTENTION RAMBLER FANS! Come out and support the Men's Basketball team! With a history-making win against Green Bay, this is an opportunity you won't want to miss as they take on their rival, UIC!

Join fellow Ramblers and other alumni at our pre-game reception, which starts at 5:00 p.m. in Alumni Gym. At 7:00 p.m., the game will begin next door in the Gentile Center.

Tickets are \$15 per person. If you have a guest under the age of 10, they are free. Season Ticket holders are free as well. If you do not register by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 27, tickets will be \$20 at the door. The price includes a ticket to the game, pizza, beer, pop, and snacks. At the reception, get your face painted, enjoy the Loyola pep band, and meet the coaching staff before the game. Also, at our February 27th event, we will be specially recognizing both the Graduate School Alumni and Biology Alumni groups. Visit the Alumni Association for more information at www.luc.edu/alumni. †

SHAKESPEARE SYMPOSIUM: SHAKESPEARE AND THE HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY

Friday, March 6, 2008 | 9:00 am - 6:00 pm | Newberry Library & Kasbeer Hall, 25 E. Pearson - WTC

The Graduate School of Loyola University Chicago, in conjunction with the Center for Renaissance Studies is proud to present an interdisciplinary symposium at The Newberry Library on Shakespeare and the History of Philosophy. Some of the leading lights in philosophy and Shakespeare studies will present their views about the impact that Shakespeare has had on philosophical thought.

The symposium will end with a hilarious performance by The Improvised Shakespeare Company at Kasbeer Hall, 25 E. Pearson, Water Tower Campus. The show is based on one audience suggestion and the company will create a fully improvised play in Elizabethan style. Dinner will be served before the performance at 6 pm. Performance at 7 pm.

The symposium and performance are FREE and open to the public, but you must register to attend. To register, please contact the Newberry Library Center for Renaissance Studies at 312.255.3514 or at renaissance@newberry.org. †

139TH LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO COMMENCEMENT

The Graduate School commencement ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2009 at 12:00 pm in the Gentile Center at the Lake Shore Campus. If you will be graduating, all information regarding Commencement will be sent to your [luc.edu email address](#). This includes details pertaining to eligibility, the ceremony, as well as official photography and other activities. It is the responsibility of each graduate to maintain your luc.edu email address and check it frequently for updates and information. You can also refer to the University's official commencement website for updates at www.luc.edu/commencement.

Graduate School Commencement Student Speaker

Candidates interested in delivering the Graduate School Student Commencement Speech should apply by Friday, April 10. The student should be a part of the graduation ceremony on May 7. The speech should reflect on the experiences of graduates at a Jesuit university. Interested candidates should file a letter of intent, along with a draft of their speech, and a brief resume to Marcela Gallegos, mgalle2@luc.edu. Please include a daytime phone number and email address where you may be contacted during the semester. The selection committee will notify the selected student in late April. †

Dean's Office Updates:

- The Council of Graduate Schools (CGS), over the last four decades has been the national voice for the graduate dean community. CGS is the only national organization in the United States that is dedicated solely to the advancement of graduate education and research. The 48th Annual Meeting in Washington, DC took place in early December with four Loyola Graduate School staff, including Dean Samuel Attoh, Associate Dean Patricia Mooney-Melvin, Assistant Dean Jessica Horowitz and Graduate Student Life Coordinator Marcela Gallegos attending workshops, plenary sessions, and networking receptions.
- Dr. Nicole Lassahn, former Assistant Dean of the Graduate School, has left Loyola to pursue other career interests. The Graduate School would like to thank Nicole for her many years of dedication to the betterment of graduate education at the university. †

We invite you to send us information that you think should be shared – an outstanding student, faculty mentor, research initiatives and anything else that helps us improve how we spread the word about graduate education at Loyola.

*The next edition will be published on April 17, 2009. **Send in your submissions by April 10th.** You can send information to gradnewsletter@luc.edu.*

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